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# IMPEACHED AGAIN

## House impeaches Trump; Senate will not rush trial

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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi gavels the final vote of the impeachment of President Donald Trump for his role in inciting the Capitol riot.

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WASHINGTON

The House of Representatives voted 232-197 on Wednesday to make Donald Trump the first U.S. president ever to be impeached twice, formally charging him in his waning days in power with inciting an insurrection just a week after a violent mob of his supporters stormed the Capitol.

Ten Republican lawmakers joined 222 Democrats in voting for the article of impeachment over an incident that represented a deadly assault on American democracy.

But it appeared unlikely that the extraordinarily swift impeachment would lead to Trump's ouster before the Republican president's four-year term ends and Democratic President-elect Joe Biden is inaugurated on Jan. 20. The Senate's Republican majority leader, Mitch McConnell, rejected Democratic calls to convene the Senate in emergency session to begin an immediate impeachment trial.

Trump's impeachment trial in the Senate will not begin until next week, McConnell said on Wednesday shortly after the House vote, setting the stage for a partisan brawl in Biden's first days in office.

"Even if the Senate process were to begin this week and move promptly, no final verdict would be reached until after President Trump had left office. This is not a decision I am making; it is a fact," McConnell said in a statement. He will no longer be the Senate majority leader then.

The House on Wednesday passed a single article of impeachment – a formal charge – accusing Trump of "incitement of insurrection," focused upon an incendiary speech he delivered to thousands of supporters

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## This time, 10 Republicans joined vote against Trump

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WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump became the first president in the country's history to be impeached twice. And this time, members of his own party broke ranks to rebuke him.

Ten Republicans joined 222 Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives Wednesday to vote in favor of an article of impeachment charging Trump with "incitement of insurrection" following last week's Capitol riot that left five people dead. It was the most bipartisan impeachment effort ever in the United States, and a sign that Trump's grip on the GOP may be loosening as he enters his final week in office.

Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the No. 3 House Republican, was the highest-ranking

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Votes are tracked in the House chamber as the House of Representatives votes to impeach President Donald Trump.

## Meck defends new health directive, citing youngest COVID death

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New coronavirus health guidelines from Mecklenburg County Public Health Director Gibbie Harris unleashed a wave of confusion this week, with multiple private schools and colleges swiftly reverting to remote learning as they sought clarity on the latest recommendations.

The directive in part says people should use virtual options for school and work. That prompted a frantic scramble among school administrators in and around Charlotte, abruptly upending plans to gradually ease into a return to classroom.

Harris' directive also says that people ages 65 and older, as well as individuals considered high risk for coronavirus-related complications, should avoid leaving their homes.

The directive comes with an increased sense of urgency, Harris said at a news conference Wednesday morning. A 22-year-old died with COVID-19 in Mecklenburg Tuesday — the county's youngest coronavirus death to date, Harris said.

That death was a driving factor in issuing the new directive, Harris said. She said the 22-year-old had some underlying conditions that may have led to coronavirus complications, but

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